

Griffs Have Faded Away—Brooklanders at Work—Roanoke Bowlers Here

LOOKING 'EM OVER

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Peeking Into History's Pages

Trading Harry Hooper to the Chicago White Sox for "Shano" Collins and Nemo Liebold, Harry Frasse has started sports scribes to ruminate over the total disappearance as a team of the world's champions of 1912, the Boston Red Sox. It might be well for Washingtonians to look back and see what has become of the wonder-working gang who tolled for Clark C. Griffith during the latter's first season as a manager here. The years have taken their toll of the Griffins quite as much as they have of others, though it is possible to find a few relics of that year which witnessed for the first time a Washington club battling for top honors all the way and finishing second, fourteen games in the rear of the Red Sox.

Through April and May, Clark Griffith experimented. Then he disposed of four players and a small bundle of jack, bringing in exchange "Chick" Gandil to play first base. At once the team found itself. It had been floundering around hitherto, but once that infield became airtight, the Griffins began winning ball games until seventeen in a row were put on the right side of the ledger and the whole baseball world was buzzing over the exploits of the Washington ball club.

The Griffins won every one of fifteen games played in the West on that first trip. Beginning with a victory in Boston, adding those fifteen in the West, and coming home to defeat the Athletics before a howling mob of Washingtonians, that glorious string of seventeen was hummed up to be a mark for all time. The next day in Philadelphia, poor umpiring permitted the Mackmen to break the string, 2 to 1, when Jack Barry was called safe at the plate though blocked off by Eddie Ainsmith fully six feet up the line. Barry hasn't tagged that plate yet.

But for the unexplainable weakness of the Griffins against Connie Mack's gang, Washington might have achieved the greatest victory of all, bringing home the pennant. The Griffins won but seven games from the A's, losing thirteen. Cleveland won only four games from Washington that year, New York but seven. Detroit and St. Louis each managed to grab eight wins from the Griffins, while the White Sox got nine. The Red Sox won twelve against the Griffins' ten.

Against the Western clubs that year the pennant-winning Red Sox won fifty-nine and lost twenty-eight. The Griffins won only twenty-five and lost thirty-nine. Playing wholly in the West the Griffins won thirty-three and lost ten games all that season. The Athletics, however, won twenty-seven victories and sixteen defeats. Playing the Western clubs here, the Griffins won twenty-six and lost nineteen games.

NUCLEUS FOR WINNERS.

When Clark Griffith took charge of the Washington Club in 1912 he had the nucleus of a winner, building it around Walter Johnson, Bob Groom, George McBride, John Henry, Eddie Ainsmith and Zeb Milan. Coming to the club that year for the

ROYAL TEAM HOST TO ROANOKE FIVE

Virginians Roll Five Games Here Today With Advantage of 98 Pins.

With a lead of ninety-eight pins over the Roanoke quint, of Washington, the Palace quint, of Roanoke, Va., comes to Washington today to roll the final book of five games in the annual intercity match. The rolling will start promptly at 2 o'clock.

In order to facilitate the score-keeping so that spectators in every section of the Sherman alleys will be able to keep abreast with the progress of the game, Manager Harry Krauss has arranged for the measurement of the place. This blackboard is about thirty feet long and eight feet high, and is properly lined off so that the work of every man in the competition can be determined at a glance.

Washington is going into today's match considerable of a favorite, as it is expected to be able to overcome the ninety-eight-pin lead on its own alleys. The men who will defend the alleys of the National Capital down the maplewood runways will include Harry Krauss, Earl Lewis, Andy Goddard, Glen Wolstenholme and "Skinny" Carroll, who lives down by the navy yard.

This will be the fourth season that Washington and Roanoke have met on the alleys. On the first two occasions, the Capital quint was victorious, but the third season, the old Dominion bowlers asserted themselves strongly, and walked off with the money. The visitors are particularly anxious to win today, as a victory for them would make the annual competition standing exactly even.

A banquet will be given the Roanoke team at the Arlington Hotel at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

ARMY BOXERS ARE READY FOR TITLE BOUTS HERE

The third district championship trials will be fought out tonight in the riding hall at Fort Myer, Va., and some spectacular exhibitions are expected for representatives of five army stations have entries in the engagements.

The bouts will start at 8 o'clock. The entries are as follows:

Maresco, Walter Reed Hospital, vs. Foley, Bolling Field, 126 pounds; Trembley, Fort Myer, vs. Rivers, Bolling Field, 126 pounds; Witwasky, Washington Barracks, vs. Turbin, Camp Humphreys, 147 pounds; Parson, Walter Reed Hospital, vs. Marchant, Bolling Field, 147 pounds; Konasowski, Walter Reed Hospital, vs. Frey, Washington Barracks, 138 pounds; Pratt, Fort Myer, vs. Fischer, Bolling Field, 138 pounds; Tudery, Camp Humphreys, vs. Powers, Fort Myer, 175 pounds.

They Work Regularly.

Reporting in almost perfect form, Jose Acosta and Al Schacht, the Washington pitchers, are working regularly in the first few weeks of the coming campaign. If not overworked, the little Cuban ought to be a big winner this season.

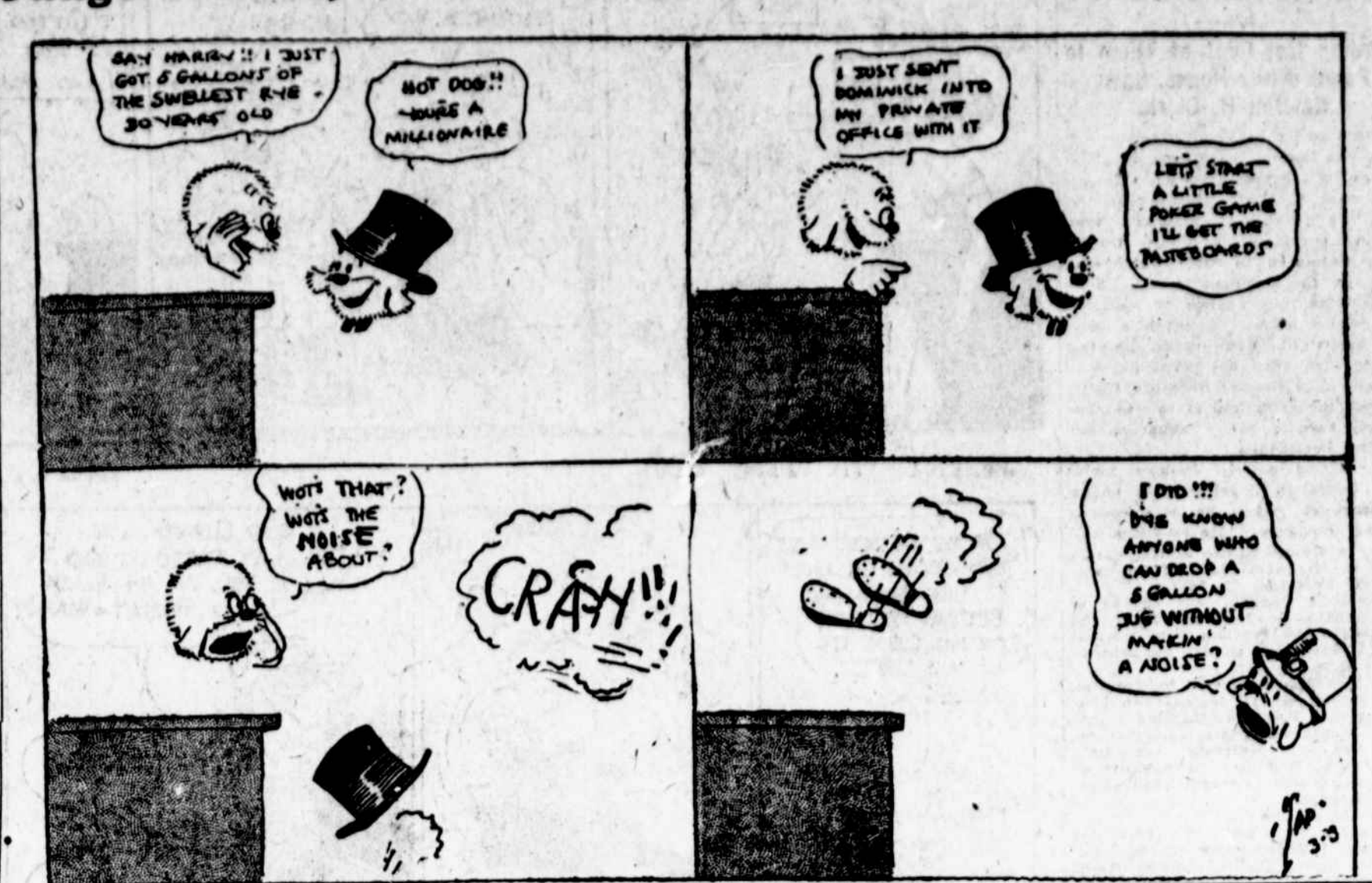
Ehmke in Shape Now.

Having been playing ball in California all winter, Howard Ehmke, the Detroit splitter pitcher, reported to Ty Cobb in shape to perform at once.

Judge Rummy

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By TAD



REAL EATERS NOW IN DIXIE

Knoxville, Tenn., boasts of the champion eater of the country.

He was wise in claiming the record before the recruits landed in the Southern baseball camps. The record has been smashed half a dozen times since March 1.

late in May, is somewhere in the West, indicted by the Chicago grand jury for conspiring to throw the world's series of 1919 when playing first base for the White Sox.

McBRIDE IS NOW MANAGER.

George McBride, who was captain and a brilliant shortstop that season, is now the manager, about to start off on his first season at the helm.

Eddie Foster, who played a great game at third, is now with the Red Sox and almost through as a big leaguer.

Zeb Milan and Hank Shanks are still members of the Washington club. Both are rapidly approaching the close of their major league lives, though still playing good ball.

Danny Moeller's eyesight went back on him and he slid, first to Cleveland and then into retirement. Last year, however, he managed and played first base for Omaha, in the Western League.

Tilly Walker, who made a poor impression upon Manager Griffith and was sent to Kansas City, is now with Connie Mack's Athletics.

ONLY THREE ARE LEFT.

Thus, of all the players with the Washington club of 1912, only three are left in uniform. Walter Johnson, Howard Shanks, and Clyde Milan. George McBride, but for the fact that he was being "pointed" for the managerial task, would have dropped out of the running two years ago when his legs went back on him.

That was a great team Clark Griffith had here in 1912. It was a pleasure to tour the land with it. It had just enough of veterans to mingle well with the newcomers. It had wonderful speed from Moeller and Milan, excellent catching from Williams, Henry and Ainsmith, brilliant infelding from Gandil, Morgan, McBride and Foster, and sterling pitching from Johnson, Groom, Hughes and Cashion.

"Dutch" Schaefer never permitted time to hang heavy on his hands. He was forever kidding and kept the players on their toes when it was needed.

Walter Johnson held the White Sox to one hit on August 16 that year and twice pitched two-hit games against Cleveland and Detroit. Once Walter and Ed Tom Hughes between them held Cleveland to two hits. Twice Walter pitched three-hit games. Johnson pitched seven shutouts, Wood's nine also, surpassing him.

GOT TWENTY BINGLES.

On June 14, during that wild rush to seventeen straight, Blanding, Steen and Kahler, the Cleveland hurlers were bumped for twenty hits. On September 27 Philadelphia was whipped, 5 to 4, in nineteen innings, the longest game of the year. On July 4 the Yankees were defeated, 6 to 5, in sixteen innings. The 1912 Griffins had the endurance to go the route, make no mistake about that.

"Rip" Williams led the team at bat with .318. Laporte hit for .311. Milan for .306, and Gandil for .305. Eddie Foster reached .285. Danny Moeller .276, and Johnson .264.

Gandil led all short basemen in the field, while McBride was the best fielding shortstop. Williams and Henry were respectively third and fourth in the league for fielding their positions.

Today that great team is scattered to the four winds. Some are dead. Some are fat old gentlemen, content to make a living here or there, in the same old routine of playing earlier than might have been but for bad habits. And out there in the hot sun this summer you will see George McBride leading his orders to Johnson, Milan and Shanks, making up the quartet of veterans who experienced the thrill of the seventeen straight.

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THE FINISHING WALLOP



WHEN WILLIE LEWIS STOPPED SAILOR BURKE IN THE SIXTH

Friday, the thirteenth, was indeed an unlucky day for Sailor Burke. He met Willie Lewis at the Fairmont Club last night, and after one of the most vicious battles ever seen here was counted out in the sixth round after he had been battered to the floor by jaw-breaking jolts.

As the bell sounded for the sixth, Burke, with head lowered and fists raised high, rushed at Lewis as usual. Bang! went Lewis' fist and the water from the glove sprayed around the lar's head. The punch was a bear and landed right. Burke reeled for a second and then grabbed. He found Lewis and tried to hold, but Willie belted him on the jaw again and then shifted his left to the body. Burke was gone.

The crowd, seeing a finish in sight, climbed on the chairs again. They yelled all sorts of advice to Lewis, and seeing his corner men. He tried to pull away from Burke so as to let the marine fall, but there was no let go to him. Willie reached up and belted him on the jaw again. Burke barely able to stand, was hanging on for dear life. It was his only hope.

Referee Joh tried to get between them, but as he did Lewis pulled over the right, and, putting all the steam he had left into it, banged the tar on the chin again. Burke simply crumpled and fell like an old house. He dropped as though he had been shot through the heart. He tried to get up, but his head wouldn't budge. Referee Joh had counted three. He tried again, and raised his head, but saw Lewis standing over him. At the count of five he got up on his hands and knees, and seeing his corner men, he fell away fell over again in that direction. Then he got up on his hands and knees and waited for the count.

Referee Joh went right along, but the Sailor didn't move. It was a terrible sight. He might have been so dazed that he didn't know what was happening, but at the count of ten he arose immediately and shook hands with Lewis amid the wildest howling from the Fairmont Club has ever known. Lewis was turning hand-spins in the air and howling with delight. He kissed Burke on the cheek in real Parisian style, and then rushed around the ring shaking hands with friends. A great many thought that the fight was stopped by the referee, while others thought that a sponge had been thrown in. Burke was counted out.

"BIG BILL" HOLLENBACK MAY ASSIST QUAKERS

"Big Bill" Hollenback, former all-American halfback and captain of the Penn eleven, has been tendered an offer to assist Johnny Heisman next fall with the Quakers. He is considering the offer and will not make a decision for several months. Asked if he would accept Hollenback replied: "I am sort of on the fence in regard to this coaching business. I am in the coach's hands and during a fall I am completely every available minute of an eight-hour day. If I should decide to take up coaching again it would mean a big monetary loss to me and possibly the loss of several big customers."

"However there is a lure about that great old game that simply calls me back to it. You know how the feeling is to get out there and work for your old college and try to make a football team. I felt the call when they asked me to assist Bob Folwell and it may come to me again."

"But I am still on the fence and cannot give you a decided answer. I want lots of time to think it over and until I finally give my word to the head coach and the football chairman I shall have nothing to say. Any statement from now on must come not from me but from the football committee or the athletic council."

Will Play Saturday.

The New York Yankees will open their spring exhibition series on Saturday, playing the first of two games with Billy Smith's Shreveport Texas leaguers.

Two Yet to Sign.

Zack Wheat, captain and outfield veteran, and Hy Myers are yet to sign 1921 Brooklyn Dodgers yet to sign 1921 leaguers.

Will Have Trouble.

Kirk Gurdy, the Washington college pitcher, will have his troubles breaking into the Washington pitching staff in June. By that time the regulars will have settled down to business and any newcomer will have to produce from the start to make any impression.

Knights of Columbus Start Baseball Year

The baseball season begins today for the Knights of Columbus Leagues. In the K. C. Hall tonight representatives of the Potomac Council, Keane Council, Carroll Council, Washington Council, Spaulding and possibly the Forest Glen Council will meet to elect a president, schedule the summer games and arrange for a playing field.

The new slate of officers will be presented for election, and practically all of the business of organization completed. It is expected that the Forest Glen Council will be admitted to the league this season.

Made Best Time.

Dan Healy veteran marathon runner, starting from scratch, made the best time of any of the distance runners in the recent Aloysius Club run held on March 4. The winner Shanley was given a three-minute handicap on Healy, who finished fourth in the big race.

Giants Cop, 15 to 3.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 7.—The Giants leaped eagerly on the local Texas leaguers yesterday and won, 15 to 3. Sixteen hits were chalked up for the major leaguers.

Army Boxers Battle.

Tonight at Fort Myer the third district championship trials will be fought out. By that time the regulars will have settled down to business and any newcomer will have to produce from the start to make any impression.

Faces Two Problems.

Centerfield and second base are the two problems facing Johnny McGraw's New York Giants this spring.

YALE'S PROSPECTS ON DIAMOND GOOD

After Three Weeks in Cage Ellis Exhibit Fast and Clever Work.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 7.—After three weeks' showing in the cage, the Yale baseball squad today exhibited the fastest and cleverest showing of any Yale team at this stage of the season in recent years. Capt. Wilton Peters has been out of the practice because of a severe cold the past week, and the coaching has been solely under the direction of Bill Lauder, who is entering his third season as Eli diamond director. Lauder has been sipping up the squad carefully and has already outlined a make-up for the season which begins when the squad arrives in Mass. City in three weeks, for a series of eight games in seven days.

A new infield must be developed and the cage practice has centered upon this last as much as upon the working up of new batteries, the usual cage activity. Jim Kernan, the former Syracuse catcher, has had the call at first since the squad reported. He played first infrequently with his Syracuse backstop ally.

PROMISING FIRST BASEMAN.

Another promising first sacker is Durant, of last year's freshman and former Andover teams. Sloan, of last year's freshmen, has been kept at second most of the time, although Tom Jones, brother of Tad and Howard Jones, the former Yale battery and football coaches, was regarded as a fixture for the position. He was injured several weeks ago and has only just cast aside his crutches.

Halcolm Aldrich, the football captain, has turned over the winter gridiron coaching to Head Coach Tad Jones and has been regularly at shortstop the past three weeks in the daily drill.

Third base is still an open berth, although "Spike" Hickey, a former New Haven high school player, has the call. Dan Kelly, who was freshman third baseman last year, is ineligible because of a scholarship complication. Bob Warren, the former freshman catcher, has been switched to the outfield. Bill Hawkes, brother of Ken Hawkes, who, with "Chick" Garland, won the intercollegiate tennis doubles two years ago, is being used at both second and third base, and is temporarily given up tennis for baseball.

GETS OUTFIELD BERTH.

Thorne Murphy, who was used in the outfield and infield last year, has been assigned to regular outfield duty. He has been out of action since the football season ended because of a faculty ruling, but has just been declared eligible again.

For the other two outfield places, Lauder has been using Lang Parson and Paul Crane, last seasons regulars, and indications are that Murphy, Parsons and Crane, well-seasoned veterans, will form the outfield trio in the games on the Southern trip.

Mike Chubb, who was a valuable all-around player of last year's team, and Hoover, the former Hill School star, have shown the best form since he squad reported. Chubb's shoulder strength of their hard batting may win a regular position.

The pitching staff contains more veterans and more promising reserve players than any at Yale since its dawn in intercollegiate baseball. A dozen players who look good enough for intercollegiate matches have been enrolled as pitchers. Frank Cox and Howard Jones, the former Hill School star, although Dean Robinson, the other regular last season, is not far behind.

SECOND STRING PERSONNEL.

The second string trio, consisting of big Ed Kelley, who was given big league offers while in high school, and two other pitchers, who pitched several games last year, and Tom Symington, freshman twirler last year, will all probably be taken South, while Cooley and Hartnett, former of the freshman team, who were developed last season, will be shifted to the outfield, Sloan to second base.

Behind the bat Jesse Dann, jr. has been used during the illness of Captain Peters. Dann, who was also a freshman backstop last year, is a dark horse backstop possibility.

Assisting in the coaching have been "Pie" Way, the former twirler, and "Flem" Dan Kelly, who is receiving end of the historic Stagg and Dann battery.

PENN'S LEAD IS SHAKY AS TIGERS SHOW FORM

The University of Pennsylvania is up against the Western League intercollegiate basketball League race. Penn is leading with six games won on one lost. Dartmouth, right behind the Penn players, has won six and lost one.

The other one-sided defeat of the Columbia University team by 37 to 16 Saturday night, in New York, by Princeton makes little difference in the standing of the league, but shows that Penn will be up against a run proposition Saturday night, when Princeton is played in Philadelphia.

The standing of the Intercollegiate League follows:

	W.	L.	P.C.
Penn	6	1	.857
Dartmouth	6	2	.750
Cornell	4	4	.500
Princeton	3	4	.429
Columbia	2	5	.286
Yale	1	7	.125

Has Three Holdouts.

Bill Donovan has three holdouts this spring. "Greasy" Neale, the outfielder obtained from Cincinnati; Mack Wheat, catcher, and Casey Stengel, the outfielder.

Has English Shells.

English shells, oars and entire equipment will be used by the Yale varsity crew this season. Fifty sets of oars have already arrived at New Haven, while two shells are on their way across the ocean.

THIRTY-FIFTH IN SERIES

This is the thirty-fifth of a series of "Finishes of Old-Time Fights," written by authorities on pugilism who were famous in their day. Others will follow.

Today's story is the knock-out of Sailor Burke by Willie Lewis at the Fairmont Club, in the Bronx, on August 13, 1909. It was one of the most sensational battles ever fought in New York.

BROOKLANDERS GET WORK ON DIAMOND

Coach Moran Starts His Candidates in Regular Stunts Beginning Today.

With the indoor track meet safely out of the way for another year, Charles V. Moran, director of athletics at Catholic University, starts off his baseball campaign today by calling the Maroon and Black candidates together.

The Brooklanders face a stiff schedule. Right off the bat the Brooklanders go to Norfolk for two games and then return for engagements with Holy Cross, Maryland, Penn. Vermont, and in fact, all of the leading college nines.

Moran will put his lads through a few stunts today and will have them out of doors every day that the weather is reasonable.

The schedule follows:

March 23-24, U. S. Naval Training School at Norfolk; 26, Holy Cross at C. U.; 28, Maryland at C. U.; 29, University of Pennsylvania at C. U.; 31, University of Vermont at C. U.; April 2, Fordham at C. U.; 4, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; 12, Cornell at C. U.; 13, Villanova at Villanova; 20, Maryland at College Park; 22, University of Richmond at Richmond; 27, Villanova at C. U.; May 3, Seaton Hall College at Orange, N. J.; 4, Yale at New Haven; 6, Fordham at New York; 8, Lafayette at Easton, Pa.; 7, Army at West Point; 14, Mount St. Mary's at Emmitsburg; 21, Navy at Annapolis.

EMBASSY ELEVEN SCORES OVERTIME SOCCER GAME

The Washington Soccer Club team, a bit out of condition, managed to squeeze a 2 to 1 victory over the British Embassy eleven in an overtime contest in Potomac Park yesterday before a crowd estimated at 2,000. The Embassy team scored first and maintained its lead until the second period. The Washington team evened up and two extra, five-minute periods were necessary before the Washington eleven was able to score again. McGinty turning the trick with a clever kick for the necessary score.

Hoblitzel Is Waiting.

Dick Hoblitzel, manager of the Reading International, is waiting for Clark Griffith to send him some of his players. The Reading club is destined to replace Minneapolis as a home for youngsters failing to hang on with the Washington club. Clark Griffith started Hoblitzel in the big show when in Cincinnati and thinks a whole lot of him.

Buds Would Play.

The Henry Buds want games with fifteen-year-old baseball teams. Manager Hinkle, the Henry Buds' manager, is located at 1323 Seventh street northwest.